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Attorney Docket No. 401432

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Alfred Wing Kin CHAN

Application No. 09/982,993

Filed: October 22, 2001

For: PIPE FITTINGS

Art Unit: 3679

Examiner: E. Nicholson

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 24, 2003, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to an office action in the subject application.

☐ Applicants claim small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.27.

☒ Petition for Extension of Time

☐ Applicants petition for a one-month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136, the fee for which is \$110.00 (enclosed).

☒ Applicants believe that no petition for an extension of time is necessary. However, to the extent that such petition is deemed necessary, Applicants hereby petition for a sufficient extension of time to render the present submission timely. Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 for the appropriate petition fee.

☒ No additional claim fee is required.

☐ Other:

The claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

					SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY		
		CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDIT. CLAIM FEE	RATE	ADDIT. CLAIM FEE
TOTAL			MINUS		=	x 9=	\$	x 18=	\$
INDEPENDENT			MINUS		=	x 42=	\$	x 84=	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE CLAIM					+ 140=	\$	+ 280=	\$
						TOTAL	\$	TOTAL	\$

☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 12-1216 in the amount of \$ . A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

☐ A check in the amount of \$ is attached.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-1216. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

☒ Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.

☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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